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SUBJ: TANZANIA TAKES EXCEPTION TO UN EXPERT REPORT ON INDIAN
OCEAN

REF: USUN 1747

1. SUMMARY: IN OFFICIAL STATEMENT, TANZANIA TAKES STRONG
EXCEPTION TO COMMENT IN EXPERT ON INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL
DEPLOYMENTS WHICH SUGGEST PRC HAS MILITARY BASE IN TANZANIA.
TANGOV REQUESTS ERROR IN REPORT BE CORRECT. END SUMMARY.

2. TANGOV HAS INSTRUCTED ITS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UN TO
CO COMMUNICATE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO SECRETARY GENERAL.

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QUOTE I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE REPORT ON
THE INDIAN OCEAN CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT A/AC151/1 DATED 3RD MAY
1974 PREPARED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3080
(XXVIII) AND TO STATE THE FOLLOWING:

QTE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA HAS
BEEN GREATLY DISTURBED TO FIND THAT IN THE SAID REPORT OF
THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH AS IN FACT SUPPOSED TO BE FACTUAL
AND SCIENTIFIC, SLANDEROUS RUMOURS AND SPECULATIONS ARE RE-
PORTED. PARAGRAPHS 70 AND 71 OF THE REPORT READ:

QTE INNER QUOTE 70. CHINA HAS NO BASES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN,
NOR DOES IT DEPLOY ANY OF ITS NAVAL UNITS THERE. CHINA HAS
TRANSFERRED NAVAL EQUIPMENT TO TANZANIA, PAKISTAN AND SRI LANKA,
AND HAS ASSISTED TANZANIA IN CONSTRUCTING A DOCKYARD AT
KIGAMBONI.

QTE 71. THERE HAVE BEEN SPECULATIVE REPORTS ABOUT CHINESE
SATELLITE TRACKING FACILITIES IN TANZANIA AND ABOUT A CHINESE
MISSILE TRACKING SHIP AND A MISSILE RECOVERY SHIP IN THE INDIAN
OCEAN. END INNER QUOTE.

QTE AND ON A MAP AT PAGE 23 OF THE REPORT IT IS SHOWN THAT
CHINA HAS A MILITARY BASE IN THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED
REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA.

QTE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TAKES THE
OPPORTUNITY TO STATE THAT THE ALLEGATIONS MADE IN THOSE PARA-
GRAPHS AND THE MAP ARE TOTALLY FALSE AND WITHOUT FOUNDATION
WHATSOEVER. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT IT IS THE UNITED REPUBLIC
OF TANZANIA AND SRI LANKA WHO INTRODUCED THAT FIRST RESOLUTION
IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE QUESTION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS
A ZONE OF PEACE IN 1971 AND THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA IS
A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE INDIAN
OCEAN. WE HAVE MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT WE SHALL
COOPERATE WITH ANYONE TO MAKE THE INDIAN OCEAN A ZONE OF PEACE.
FURTHERMORE THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA IS A NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY
AND WE HAVE REPEATEDLY MADE IT CLEAR TO THE WORLD THAT WE
ARE TOTALLY OPPOSED TO FOREIGN MILITARY BASES AND THAT WE WILL
NEVER PERMIT ANY PART OF OUR TERRITORY TO BE USED FOR SUCH
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PURPOSES.

QTE THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THE SPECULATIONS CONTAINED IN
THE REPORT ARE HIGHLY UNWARRANTED AND IMPROPER. WE VIEW
WITH DISMAY AND CONCERN THAT A UNITED NATIONS DOCUMENT OF
SUCH IMPORTANCE COULD BE PREPARED ON THE BASIS OF MALICIOUS
CONJECTURES AND FALSE ASSUMPTIONS CONCEIVED BY EXPERTS
WHO NEVER EVEN BOTHERED TO SEEK AN OPPORTUNITY OF CHECKING

THEIR INFORMATION WITH THE MEMBER STATE CONCERNED.

QTE I REQUEST YOU TO EFFECT THE NECESSARY CORRECTIONS AND TO
CIRCULATE THIS NOTE AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE UNITED
NATIONS. UNQUOTE.
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